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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 50
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A RESOLUTION to honor George Martin for his service to the
community of Pulaski and Giles County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should recognize those unique
individuals who have served their various communities with extraordinary dedication and
expertise; and

WHEREAS, for 45 memorable years, George Martin has meritoriously served as the
voice of Pulaski radio; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his many faithful and exemplary years in radio broadcasting,
George is admired and respected by his colleagues for his outstanding service to Pulaski; and

WHEREAS, George's contributions were recently recognized when the Broadcast
Journalism Department at Giles County High School was named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, a George Martin Scholarship Fund has also been established; and

WHEREAS, a native of Memphis and graduate of Chester County High School in
Henderson, George attended Union University in Jackson, West Tennessee Business School,
and was a charter member of the Tennessee School of Broadcasting in Nashville in 1949; and

WHEREAS, he began his broadcasting career in 1949 at WMMT McMinnville; and

WHEREAS, George joined the staff of WKSR in 1950 and has been there since, except
for one year when he served as operations manager at WHDM in McKenzie; and

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WHEREAS, George served for five years as program director at WKSR before becoming head of the news department; and

WHEREAS, he later became general manager and a partner in Richland Broadcasting Company, which operated the local radio station and a local newspaper, The Giles Free Press, until the businesses were sold in 1980; and

WHEREAS, for his unyielding dedication to broadcast journalism, George was honored with the bestowal of the Tennessee Press Association's Sportswriter of the Year award for 1964-65; and

WHEREAS, spurning retirement, George, became news and sports editor until 1984, when he was named general manager. In 1989, he again became the stations news director, position, as well as taking on the duties of public affairs editor, both positions he holds today; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, George evinces his strong belief in the Lord through his membership in the East Hill Church of Christ, where he has served as a Sunday School and Bible School teacher; and

WHEREAS, his astute service to his community aside, George is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his lovely wife of 44 years, Mable Hutcheson Martin, and their two children, Anna Claire Casey and Phillip Martin; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this Assembly should recognize those estimable Tennesseans who have given so generously of themselves for the betterment of their community and state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby salute Mr. George Martin for his unflagging commitment and outstanding work as a community servant, and congratulate him on his most recent distinction

of having the Broadcast Journalism Department at Giles High School and the George Martin Scholarship Fund named in his honor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.